

Report of Independent Accountants

To the Management of Web.com Group, Inc.

We have examined the accompanying [assertion](#) made by the management of Web.com Group, Inc. (“Web.com” the parent company of “Network Solutions”), titled *Management’s Assertion Regarding the Effectiveness of its Controls over the Extended Validation Operation Based on the WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Extended Validation SSL v1.6.0*, that provides its Extended Validation (EV) Secure Socket Layer (SSL) Certification Authority (CA) services in Herndon, Virginia, United States, and the data centers and back-end office support locations listed in Appendix A, for the Root and Subordinate Keys listed in Appendix B during the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018, Web.com has:

- Disclosed its EV SSL certificate lifecycle management business practices and procedures in its [Certificate Practice Statement Version 1.6](#), including its commitment to provide EV SSL certificates in conformity with the CA/Browser Forum Requirements on the Network Solutions website
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - The integrity of keys and EV SSL certificates it manages is established and protected throughout their lifecycles; and
 - EV SSL subscriber information is properly authenticated (for the registration activities performed by Network Solutions)

based on the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Extended Validation SSL v1.6.0](#).

Web.com’s management is responsible for its assertion and for specifying the aforementioned Criteria. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management’s assertion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management’s assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management’s assertion, which includes: (1) obtaining an understanding of [name of company]’s key and certificate life cycle management business practices, policies, processes and controls, and its suitability of the design and implementation of the controls intended to achieve the Criteria and examining evidence supporting management’s assertion and performing such other procedures over key and certificate integrity, over the authenticity and confidentiality of subscriber and relying party

information, over the continuity of key and certificate life cycle management operations, and over the development, maintenance and operation of systems integrity as we considered necessary in the circumstances; (2) selectively testing transactions executed in accordance with disclosed key and certificate life cycle management business practices; (3) testing and evaluating the operating effectiveness of the controls; and (4) performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The relative effectiveness and significance of specific controls at Network Solutions and their effect on assessments of control risk for subscribers and relying parties are dependent on their interaction with the controls, and other factors present at individual subscriber and relying party locations. We have performed no procedures to evaluate the effectiveness of controls at individual subscriber and relying party locations.

Our examination was not conducted for the purpose of evaluating Network Solutions' cybersecurity risk management program. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on its cybersecurity risk management program.

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of internal control, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention of controls. Because of inherent limitations in its internal control, Network Solutions may achieve reasonable, but not absolute assurance that all security events are prevented and, for those controls may provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance that its commitments and system requirements are achieved. Controls may not prevent or detect and correct, error, fraud, unauthorized access to systems and information, or failure to comply with internal and external policies or requirements.

Examples of inherent limitations of internal controls related to security include (a) vulnerabilities in information technology components as a result of design by their manufacturer or developer; (b) breakdown of internal control at a vendor or business partner; and (c) persistent attackers with the resources to use advanced technical means and sophisticated social engineering techniques specifically targeting the entity. Furthermore, the projection of any evaluations of effectiveness to future periods is subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, that the degree of compliance with such controls may deteriorate, or that changes made to the system or controls, or the failure to make needed changes to the system or controls, may alter the validity of such evaluations.

In our opinion, Web.com management's assertion referred to above is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the aforementioned criteria.

The WebTrust seal of assurance for certification authorities on Network Solutions' Web site constitutes a symbolic representation of the contents of this report and it is not intended, nor should it be construed, to update this report or provide any additional assurance.



This report does not include any representation as to the quality of Network Solutions' CA services beyond those covered by the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Extended Validation v1.6.0](#) criteria, or the suitability of any of Network Solutions' services for any customer's intended purpose.

Ernst & Young LLP

July 16, 2018
Tampa, Florida

**Management's Assertion Regarding the Effectiveness of Its Controls
Over the Extended Validation Operation
Based on the WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Extended
Validation SSL v1.6.0**

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We, as the management of Web.com Group, Inc. ("Web.com" the parent company of "Network Solutions") are responsible for operating the Extended Validation (EV) SSL Certification Authority (CA) services at Herndon, Virginia, United States, and the data centers and back-end office support locations listed at Appendix A for the Root CAs and Subordinate CAs listed in Appendix B.

Management of Web.com is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective controls over its CA operations. These controls contain monitoring mechanisms, and actions are taken to correct deficiencies identified.

Controls have inherent limitations, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of controls. Accordingly, even effective controls can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to Network Solutions' CA operations. Furthermore, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of controls may vary over time.

Management of Web.com has assessed the disclosures of its certificate practices and controls over its EV SSL CA services. Based on that assessment, in providing its EV SSL Certification Authority (CA) services at Herndon, Virginia, United States and the data centers and back-end office support locations listed at Appendix A throughout the period from April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, Network Solutions has:

- Disclosed its EV SSL certificate lifecycle management business practices in its [Certificate Practice Statement \(Version 1.6\)](#), including its commitment to provide EV SSL certificates in conformity with the CA/Browser Forum Requirements on the Network Solution's website.
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - the integrity of keys and EV SSL certificates it manages was established and protected throughout their lifecycles; and
 - EV SSL subscriber information was properly authenticated (for the registration activities performed by Network Solutions)

for the Root and Subordinate CAs listed in Appendix B, based on the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Extended Validation SSL v1.6.0](#).

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Appendix A

Locations

Location	Function
Secaucus, NJ USA	Data Center
Manchester, UK	Data Center
Seattle, WA USA	Data Center
Bradford, UK	Back End Office Support
Manchester, UK	Back End Office Support
Clifton, NJ USA	Back End Office Support
Murray, UT USA	Back End Office Support
Chennai, IN	Back End Office Support
Mandaluyong City, PH	Back End Office Support
Iasi, Romania	Back End Office Support

Appendix B

Root and Subordinate Keys

#	Root/Subordinate Name	Subject Key Identifier	Certificate Serial Number	SHA-256 Fingerprint
1	CN=Network Solutions Certificate Authority O=Network Solutions L.L.C. C=US	2130C9FB00D74E98DA87A A2AD0A72EB14031A74C	1CA02DC1523B6A6D8B5C 1F954AEDAC30	001686CD181F83A1B1217D 305B365C41E3470A78A1D3 7B134A98CD547B92DAB3
2	CN=Network Solutions Certificate Authority O=Network Solutions L.L.C. C=US	2130C9FB00D74E98DA87A A2AD0A72EB14031A74C	57CB336FC25C16E6471617 E3903168E0	15F0BA00A3AC7AF3AC88 4C072B1011A077BD77C097 F40164B2F8598ABD83860C
3	CN=Network Solutions EV Server CA O=Network Solutions L.L.C. C=US	8A35E4353ABC11A19EFBF 54F3466D54BAC4C6268	7AACA21D539D1454113C0 45ED835F8EA	29F8C1CEB1ABB0D716479 1FF13B4FD268631A882F89 FE658A4B5EC5172774B8B
4	CN=Network Solutions EV SSL CA O=Network Solutions L.L.C. C=US	B64E859D841F1B1DD45289 4E07962DF9DEF18FCC	2810921E00E65D225321CF6 27BFE30EE	4CC308DA28285A18542200 EAB3C61DE7387B06667A6 CB657479A470FE1DEF928
5	CN=Network Solutions EV SSL CA O=Network Solutions L.L.C. C=US	B64E859D841F1B1DD45289 4E07962DF9DEF18FCC	331F38D107F33B3B1750C4 CB09FED18D	A8FC6359078323A25417523 86694FA643F1434EA063BE BAC6EF0D189E3676915
6	CN=Network Solutions EV Server CA 2 O=Network Solutions L.L.C. L=Herndon ST=VA C=US	8F374A849CF48EC7669690 B4AE8FBA5EA216AAC4	548E7BA0C030C65DBE531 C9C362F2F6C	799E20564D45484DFA0F28 ED726037FF070D66C51DE8 E2343284DECAB0FC9991
7	CN=Network Solutions ECC Certificate Authority O=Network Solutions L.L.C. L=Jacksonville ST=FL C=US	9B7BEC8FF83F252984730 0A56F838BEE3EB00CE	79384BB4191A8D7422CCF F8532F2E4BA	2193CFAE381211A1AEAA2 DE984E630643A87160B120 8118145EAFB8E1BC69958
8	CN=Network Solutions ECC DV Server CA O=Network Solutions L.L.C. L=Jacksonville ST=FL C=US	894A8964B520B7FA51EE85 AC729AEA3BF654FE1E	008521621AD08BC6BF0F06 9D956C51BD33	6A7204D6F6E852A914CC0 AE45AFAD91FA28D1AA4E CA3844097A929A8E11F3A 17
9	CN=Network Solutions ECC EV Server CA O=Network Solutions L.L.C. L=Jacksonville ST=FL C=US	2B0B089803B61DFD0C43E CD788CB7FDA1DDFEE71	1850470B6B8C610DDE23F CC047FEA039	875FD03C6C1AA2E80C8E8 467E99192A3A55D51B1F9 DABAE1E6821F56C4E1E78 3
10	CN=Network Solutions ECC OV Server CA O=Network Solutions L.L.C. L=Jacksonville ST=FL C=US	09ED181B676853F44FC00B D3DDDFB3790EBD779	372175802BAB5311D13628 84C3AE7621	1C8CF4171AE81798EB7C85 DA604D8C21076D76911947 1E5B476C91858A4850E9
11	CN=Network Solutions RSA Certificate Authority O=Network Solutions L.L.C. L=Jacksonville ST=FL C=US	0FF14A4A757405110C1DD8 5B99EBBFEEAA7D5ED7	4C034BAC67184C7FAF440 84D8296C7B2	DDBF149733BC2BF8A09D7 F012B01A6DEA11D7BAE2 6713783EF6407A2495BF189
12	CN=Network Solutions RSA DV Server CA O=Network Solutions L.L.C. L=Jacksonville ST=FL C=US	713060A80D017902590D77 E151DB51E2F46CD391	759D11B752DD4B9E241CC 270F824114B	7752EE9D27528294579E449 BE6AB07D720BDEAE3A5E 39C05AF7F26C2D431BEFF
13	CN=Network Solutions RSA EV Server CA O=Network Solutions L.L.C. L=Jacksonville ST=FL C=US	3A4079DD980526A4F09A2 AF135DCAB8554723AEE	4B8427B828A7B1D89BD47 3C1373C6DBA	CB553548640A482E5079AF 0F9CCB7EA3DFFDF9DA4F C925B711062249E6502851
14	CN=Network Solutions RSA OV Server CA O=Network Solutions L.L.C. L=Jacksonville ST=FL C=US	CE95DAA4FC31D3B615063 6184E96AC56EDFA44D5	202516B004AD5FC2698D95 49005A5876	CB0BADA3AD53A99B4B7 A96020C2869A43E2DB2D0 183263F3303AC7E41877A6 65